



Wiyot Tribe
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Director Ellen Wheatley
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Wiyot Tribe Loleta California plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the childcare needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies.

- **The CRRSA FUNDS to assist essential workers with childcare fees, waive copayments.**
- **The CRRSA funds will also allow us to provide more staffing hours to our staff at our childcare center. To serve essential workers on Reservations and off Reservations families.**
- **The CRRSA FUNDS will allow staff to increase the paid time off after the potential exposure, after being vaccinated, experience symptoms, caring for a household member, etc.**

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices:

- **The CRRSA FUNDS will help with sanitation supplies such as mask's, gloves, disinfecting wipes and sanitizer and disinfecting spray and Clorox bleach to our families.**
- **The CRRSA FUNDS will allow us to help purchase equipment such as hand free faucets, hands free soap dispenser, and air purifier machines.**

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers:

- **The CRRSA FUNDS will help with assistance to pay for childcare fee's and support the stability of the childcare sector and help childcare providers.**
- **The CRRSA FUNDS will help provide incentives for childcare staff and increase paid time off after potential exposure to COVID-19.**

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- **The CRRSA FUNDS will allow the Wiyot Tribe to provide training and coaching to teachers / providers serving native children.**
- **The CRRSA FUNDS will allow the Wiyot Tribe to create a listserv or blog where providers in our network can communicate with each other.**

5. Other

- **The CRRSA FUNDS will allow the Wiyot Tribe to be able to provide Cultural kits for providers and children.**
- **The CRRSA FUNDS will allow our childcare center Tsek Houdagh to partner with our language and cultural department to build a curriculum on Wiyot culture.**
- **Purchasing materials to support land base education such as:**
 - **Rain/wetsuits for children**
 - **Rainboots**
 - **First aid kits**

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FOR ALL LEAD AGENCIES:

The Wiyot Tribe Loleta, CA. will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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